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SUBJECT: CULTURAL RESOURCES PROJECT IN U.S.-SPAIN PROGRAM
ON CONSERVATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AND
RESERVES

FOR EMBASSY ONLY

IN REFERENCE TO LETTER BELOW PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER:

(1) A LETTER SHOULD BE ALSO ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL COMISARIA NACIONAL DEL PATRIMONIO ARTISTICO

(2) A COPY OF THE LETTER TO MR. LARA SHOULD BE SENT; OR
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(3) WE SHOULD REQUEST THAT MR. LARA CONVEY THE INFORMATION
HIMSELF.

WE WILL RELY ON YOUR JUDGMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE YOU
TAKING CARE OF THIS FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. THANK
YOU.

WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TRANSMITTING BY LETTER FORM THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE ADDRESSEE BELOW:

SR. JOSE LARA ALLEN
INSTITUTO PARA LA CONSERVACION
DE LA NATURALES
MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA
MADRID 7, ESPANA

DEAR MR. LARA:

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE RECENT PROGRESS OF OUR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT WITH SATISFACTION AND WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE ITS MOMENTUM. WE WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE RECEPTION GIVEN CHIEF HISTORICAL ARCHITECT JUDD AND MR. GJESSING BY PERSONNEL OF COMISARIA NACIONAL DEL PARTIMONIA ARTISTICO Y CULTURAL AT THE TIME OF THEIR VISIT IN OCTOBER. SRES. JOSE MIGUEL MERINO DE CACERES AND ANTONIO ALMAGRO GORBEA WERE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL BECAUSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, THEIR ABILITY TO COMMUNCIATE IN ENGLISH AND THEIR KINDNESS.

2. WE PROPOSE TWO ADDITIONAL VISITS TO FOLLOW-UP THE JUDD-GJESSING VISIT TO SPAIN. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO
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INVITE TWO OR THREE OFFICIALS OF COMISARIA NACIONAL DEL PATRIOMONIO ARTISTICO Y CULTURAL TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY TO TOUR SELECTED CULTURAL SITES MANAGED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ACCOMPAINED BY OUR PRESERVATION OFFICIALS. WE WOULD BE PLEASED IF SENOR MERINO AND SENOR ALMAGRO WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP, BUT OF COURSE THE SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES IS YOUR DECISION. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD INCREASE SPANISH OFFICIALS' FAMILIARITY WITH NPS WORK AND WOULD THEREBY IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND HELP TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE AREAS IN WHICH WE MIGHT EXPAND OUR COOPERATION. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS BE A VISIT OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS IN JUNE OR JULY.

3. SECONDLY, WE PROPOSE A VISIT TO SPAIN BY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OFFICIALS INCLUDING MR. JUDD (OR ANOTHER HISTORICAL ARCHITECT WHO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE MET IM THEIR VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY) AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR DANIEL J. TOBIN (MR. JOHN COOK'S SUCCESSOR) TO SEE EXAMPLES OF ADAPTIVE USE IN SPAIN'S HISTORIC STRUCTURES. THIS VISIT WOULD BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL TO THE NPS IN ADDRESSING ONE OF OUR CURRENT PRESERVATION

PROBLEMS. THIS NPS DELEGATION MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE ONE OF OUR HIGH LEVEL CURATORS WHO WOULD BEGIN INITIAL EXPLORATIONS WITH HIS SPANISH COUNTERPARTS IN THE AREA OF ARTIFACT PRESERVATION, AN AREA WE HAVE NOT YET EXPLORED. WE SUGGEST THIS VISIT ALSO BE OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS DURATION

AND BE MADE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AFTER THE ABOVE PROPOSED VISIT OF YOUR OFFICIALS TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. ALTHOUGH WE ENVISION BOTH VISITS AS INFORMAL IN CHARACTER, COMPARABLE TO MR. JUDD'S RECENT VISIT TO SPAIN, WE WOULD HOPE THAT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR TOBIN WOULD HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MEETING SOME OF THE ICONA OFFICIALS ON THE COMMITTEE WHO HAVE BEEN COOPERATING WITH US.
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5. PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT THESE SUGGESTED VISITS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN BEGIN MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. W.J. WHALEN. CHRISTOPHER

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